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FOR INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED IN SAIGON THIS MORNING BY U. S. MISSION PRESS SPOKESMAN, FULL TEXT TRANSMITTED LAST EVENING TO UNIA THROUGH USINFO CHANNELS.

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STATEMENT BY U.S. MISSION SPOKESMAN

SAIGON, VIET-NAM, OCTOBER 21, 1974

ON THE LAST TWO WEEKENDS AT PRESS CONFERENCES IN SAIGON THE SPOKESMAN OF THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" DELEGATION TO THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION HAS ISSUED STATEMENTS ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AMONG THE USUAL STALK AND OUTRORN PROPAGANDA DISTORTIONS, A NEW ONE HAS BEEN ADDED CHARGING THAT THE U.S. IS INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM BY GIVING SUPPORT TO DISSENTING POLITICAL GROUPS

THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ENCOURAGE, NOR DOES IT SUPPORT IN ANY WAY, ANY POLITICAL FACTION IN VIET-NAM. THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE UTTERLY GROUNDLESS AND TOTALLY FALSE.

IT HAS LONG BEEN THE POLICY OF THE U.S. TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT THEY HAVE FREELY CHOSEN, IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE CRUEL NORTH VIET-

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NAMERSE AGGRESSION.

IT HAS LONG BEEN THE POLICY OF THE U.S. TO ASSIST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO REALIZE THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

IN CARRYING OUT THIS POLICY THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WITH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID. THE UNITED STATES HAS NEVER SOUGHT, NOR WOULD IT EVER ACCEPT, THE RIGHT CLAIMED BY HANOI TO IMPOSE A POLITICAL SOLUTION ON SOUTH VIET-NAM AS A PRICE OF PEACE. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT DONE SO IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DO SO TODAY, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE. THE EVENTS OF 1972 SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT THIS ESSENTIAL TRUTH HOME TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WHICH THIS WEEKEND HAS APPROVINGLY ENDORSED THE DISTORTIONS OF ITS SOUTHERN PUPPET.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE PARIS AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. THOSE AGREEMENTS SET UP TWO BODIES IN WHICH THE VIETNAMESE PARTIES COULD MEET TOGETHER AND WORK OUT THE MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS ANNOUNCED REPEATEDLY ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THESE MEETINGS. FOR FIVE MONTHS THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" HAS REFUSED TO ATTEND THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION UNTIL IT IS GRANTED A VAST EXTENSION OF ITS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. YET, IN RELEASING SUCH A STATEMENT ON 12 OCTOBER ATTACKING THE HOST GOVERNMENT, THE "PRG" DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC COMMITTED AN EXTREMELY GRAVE BREACH OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE. IN DOING SO, IT HAS ESTABLISHED ONCE AGAIN THAT ITS INTEREST IN DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES IS NOT, AS IT CLAIMS, FOR ITS OWN CONVENIENCE AND PROTECTION BUT RATHER FOR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA PURPOSES TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TPJMC.

THE "PRG" STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, WHOSE AGENT THE "PRG" SPOKESMAN IS, WHICH IS INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. THE STATEMENTS ON THE LAST TWO SATURDAYS ARE, IN FACT, A CRUDELY OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE VERY DISSENT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM FALSELY ACCUSES THE U.S. OF SUPPORTING. THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT RESPONSIBLE DISSENT ALWAYS EXISTS IN A FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT RESPONSIBLE DISSENT CAN EXIST ONLY WHEN A GOVERNMENT IS CERTAIN OF THE LOYALTY OF ITS PEOPLE AND IS CERTAIN OF THEIR FIERCE DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THEIR FREEDOM AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION.

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THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, DOES NOT UNDER-
STAND THAT A PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR A QUARTER CENTURY WITH ENORMOU-

COURAGE AND TENACITY TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOM WILL NOT PERMIT THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO PUSH THEM OVER THE LINE WHERE
RESPONSIBLE DISSENT DEGENERATES INTO DESTRUCTIVE ANARCHY.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, UNDERSTANDS
NONE OF THESE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY. IT CANNOT
BECAUSE IT IS A CLOSED SOCIETY - NOT AN OPEN ONE; IT IS A TOTALITARIA

SOCIETY - NOT A FREE ONE - AND IN ITS SOCIETY DISSENT - RESPONSIBLE D

IS MERCILESSLY SUPPRESSED AS SOON AS DETECTED.

THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IS TO INSURE TO THE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THE
RECORD OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND "PRG" ACTIONS SINCE
THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IN JANUARY 1973 DEMONSTRATES THAT
THEY ARE USING EVERY MEANS OPEN TO THEM IN AN EFFORT TO DENY
SELF-DETERMINATION TO SOUTH VIET-NAM AND BRING THE SOUTH VIET-
NAMESE PEOPLE UNDER HANOI'S RULE AT WHICH TIME, OF COURSE, NO
DISSENT AT ALL WOULD BE PERMITTED.

BY FORCE OF ARMS THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
IS ATTACKING THE TERRITORY AND POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM.

BY ASSASSINATIONS AND TERROR IT IS ATTEMPTING, UNSUCCESSFULLY,

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TO FRIGHTEN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE INTO SUBMISSION.
BY DESTRUCTION OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS
IT IS SEEKING TO INCREASE THE ECONOMIC SUFFERING OF THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE HOPE THAT IT CAN EXPLOIT POLITICALLY
THE RESULTING MISERY.

BY FALSE PROPAGANDA AND DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERING ABROAD
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND "PRG" ARE ATTEMPT-
ING TO SUBVERT THE UNQUESTIONABLE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OVER ITS TERRITORY, ITS
POPULATION, AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

BY FILIBUSTER AND BOYCOTT OF THE BILATERAL TALKS IN PARIS AND
SAIGON THEY ARE BLOCKING IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE VERY PRO-
VISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO HOLD ELECTIONS EXERCISING THEIR PROMISED
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE "PRG" AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM CLAIM TO
BE IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. BUT HERE IS WHAT THE
RECORD SHOWS:

NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE BROKEN AND ARE CONTINUING TO
BREAK THE CEASE-FIRE (ARTICLE 2 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT). BY
LARGE-SCALE MILITARY ATTACKS THEY ARE CAUSING CRUEL AND
UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES AND ARE BRINGING ECONOMIC SUFFERING
AS WELL AS GRIEF AND SORROW TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.
THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE REFUSED
TO ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE IN PLACE AND TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO JOIN IN DETERMINING THE
AREAS OF TEMPORARY MILITARY CONTROL OF THE TWO PARTIES
(ARTICLE 30 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT). THEY HAVE, THERE-
FORE, MADE A TRUE CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM UN-
WORKABLE.

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN
OPEN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 30 AND ARTICLE 11, HAVE
PERPETRATED COUNTLESS HEINOUS ACTS OF ASSASSINATION
AND TERRORISM THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIET-NAM, INCLUDING THE
BRUTAL MURDER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND INNOCENT CIVILIANS
BY INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS MOVED LARGE
NUMBERS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS INTO SOUTH VIET-NAM
FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT'S TOTAL BAN ON THE IN-
TRODUCTION OF TROOPS (ARTICLE 7).

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE
INTRODUCED VAST QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS INTO SOUTH VIET-
NAM IN VIOLATION OF THE CONDITIONS CLEARLY STIPULATED IN
THE AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 7).

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE
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MISSION, THUS CUTTING OFF ALL EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE
CEASE-FIRE THROUGH THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION.
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG",
THOUGH COMMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE
OPERATIONS OF THE ICES (ARTICLE 16), HAVE HAMPERED AND
HARRASSED THE WORK OF THE ICES.
THE "PRG" AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
HAVE REFUSED TO FULFILL THEIR PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
ICES BUDGET (ICES PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT). THE
CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO STARVE THE ICES TO DEATH FINANCIALLY,
SO THAT THERE CAN BE NO WITNESS TO THEIR CONTINUOUS,
CONTEMPTUOUS AND BRUTAL VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS FAILED TO ABIDE
BY ARTICLE 24 OF THE AGREEMENT REGARDING CAMBODIA AND LAOS.
THIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. NO AMOUNT OF CLEVER AND
CHAMELEON REPEATED PROPAGANDA CAN REALLY CHANGE, OBSCURE,
OR DISTORT THAT CLEAR RECORD. THE VOICES OF THE SO-CALLED
"PRG" PUPPET DANCING AS THE STRINGS ARE MANIPULATED BY THEIR
NORTHERN MASTERS, TO ACHIEVE A HARMONY OF SORTS WITH THEIR
APOLONISIS ABROAD, ARE NO LONGER CREDIBLE.
AMONG TRULY PERCEPTIVE, OBJECTIVE AND DISPASSIONATE OBSERVERS
THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG" WHO ARE PURSUING A "POLICY OF WAR"
AND "SABOTAGING" THE PARIS AGREEMENT.
IT IS PAST TIME FOR THE PROPAGANDA TO CEASE AND FOR SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN. IT IS THE FARNEST HOPE OF THE UNITED
STATES THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG"
WILL ACCEPT THE LONG STANDING INVITATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIET-NAM TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND WORK SERIOUSLY
AND CONSTRUCTIVELY ON THE MODALITIES OF THE FULL AND COMPLETE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS.
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